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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL(REPORT NO. 9)
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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: KIM DAE JUNG WAS CALLED BACK FOR SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONING AUGUST 25 (AFTER MUN IK-HWAN HAD TESTIFIED). KIM SAID THAT A "HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL" (REAL [redacted]) HAD COUNSELED RESTRAINT IN APRIL. KIM REPEATED EARLIER TESTIMONY THAT HE HAD NOT KNOWN REINSTATED CHONNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHONG TONG-HYON (ALTHOUGH THE PROSECUTION HAS KIM'S VISITORS BOOK AND CLAIMS CHONG'S NAME IS IN IT). KIM REPEATED THAT HE HAD ADMITTED GIVING CHONG MONEY ONLY UNDER DURESS. MUN IK-HWAN DENIED THAT HIS "NATIONAL ALLIANCE" WAS A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION AND SAID IT SUPPORTED NO PARTICULAR PERSON, INCLUDING KIM DAE JUNG. YI MUN YONG AND YE CHUN HO WERE QUESTIONED AUGUST 26. AS HAVE THE OTHER DEFENDANTS. BOTH
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DENIED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. YI SAID HE WAS "PROUD" OF THE ROLE OF KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES, AND SAID TWO CODEFENDANTS HAD BEEN BEATEN. YE CHU HO DENIED THAT HIS RESEARCH INSTITUTE WAS PART OF A SUBVERSIVE NETWORK, WHILE ADMITTING THAT HE, LIKE MUN IK-HWAN, HAD GIVEN MONEY TO A CODEFENDANT. HE DENIED THAT IT HAD BEEN FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES. END SUMMARY.
3. KIM DAE JUNG (K-E: KIM TAE-CHUNG) WAS QUESTIONED FURTHER BY THE PROSECUTION THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 25. KIM SAID HE HAD NEVER MET REINSTATED CHONNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHONG TONG-HYON (K-E), BUT QUALIFIED THAT STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE HAD VISITED HIS HOME. THE PROSECUTION HAVED WHAT HE SAID WAS A GUEST BOOK FROM KIM'S HOME AND SAID CHONG'S NAME WAS IN IT, BUT KIM STUCK TO HIS
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STORY, SAYING HIS SECRETARY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOOK. KIM REPEATED HIS STATEMENT THAT HE HAD NEVER GIVEN MONEY TO CHONG AND HAD ONLY ADMITTED DOING SO UNDER THREAT OF TORTURE. KIM BASICALLY REPEATED THE MORNING'S TESTIMONY, DENYING GIVING MONEY TO STUDENTS TO FOMENT REBELLION OR ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO A PROSECUTION QUESTION ABOUT KIM'S DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. REACTION WITH CODEFENDANT YI TAEK-TON (M-R) KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A "HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL" (WE ASSUME [redacted] AT A RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE APRIL 12 THAT THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THE U.S. HOPED NOTHING VIOLENT WOULD HAPPEN, AND KIM AGREED. 4. KIM'S SUPPLEMENTARY INTERROGATION WAS PRECEDED BY THAT OF MUN IL-KWAN (M-R). MUN SAID THAT THE "NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION" (NATIONAL ALLIANCE) OF WHICH MUN WAS A MEMBER, HAD DEMOCRATIZATION AS ONE OF ITS GOALS. HOWEVER, THE ALLIANCE DID NOT SUPPORT ANY PARTICULAR PERSON, INCLUDING KIM DAE JUNG. IN RESPONSE

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TO HIS LAWYER'S QUESTION, MUN SAID THAT UNAUTHORIZED ASSEMBLY SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES WITH WHICH HE IS CHARGED, BUT IN FACT ASSEMBLY FOR THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CRIME. MUN ADMITTED GIVING 150,000 WON TO CODEFENDANT CHO SONG-U (M-R), BUT DENIED THAT IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATIONS. IF CHO HAD CLAIMED IT WAS, IT WAS A FALSE CONFESSION. MUN SAID HE HAD NEVER INCITED STUDENTS TO RIOT AND HAD NOT DISCUSSED SUCH THINGS AS MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.

5. YI MYUNG-YONG (M-R) AND YI CHUN-TO (M-R) WERE QUESTIONED BY THE DEFENSE THE MORNING OF AUGUST 26. EVEN BEFORE HIS LAWYER BEGAN QUESTIONING YI, THE LATTER REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT, SAYING THAT HIS LAWYERS HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEE THE KCIA INTERROGATION REPORTS OR FIND OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED DURING INTERROGATION. THE REQUEST WAS DENIED. YI AGAIN VEHEMENTLY OBJECTED WHEN THE COURTS LEGAL OFFICER TOLD HIM NOT TO SAY THAT HIS ALLEGED MEETING WITH STUDENT CHANG KI-PYO WAS NOT EVEN IN THE PROSECUTOR'S INTERROGATION REPORT. YI'S DEFENSE LAWYER, YI SE-CHUNG (M-R)

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ASKED THE PROSECUTION NOT TO EXCITE THE DEFENDANTS BY INTERRUPTING THEM. AFTER SOME GRUMBLING BY THE PROSECUTION ABOUT REPETITIVE QUESTIONS, THE SESSION CONTINUED. LIKE MUN IL-KWAN, YI DENIED ANY INTENTION TO INCITE INSURRECTION, AND HE SAID HE WAS PROUD OF UNARMED KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES. YI DENIED ACCEPTING THE DIRECTORSHIP OF KIM DAE JUNG'S POLICY RESEARCH OFFICE.

6. YI CLAIMED THAT TWO CODEFENDANTS, YU IN-HO (M-R) AND SOL-HUN (M-R) HAD BEEN SEVERELY BEATEN DURING THEIR

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IMPRISONMENT. YI ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE BEAT-
INGS BUT STUCK BY HIS STORY. THE PROSECUTION OBJECTED,
AS IT HAD THE DAY BEFORE, TO THE USE OF "SONSAENG" AFTER
KIM LAE JUNG'S NAME. A CANTANKEROUS YI SAID THAT HE USED
IT TO SPITE THE PROSECUTION. ASKED IF IT INDICATED
RESPECT FOR KIM, HE SAID THAT WAS BESIDE THE POINT AND
REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. LATER IN THE
TESTIMONY, THE PROSECUTOR SAID YI HIMSELF HAD CLAIMED HE
HAD BEEN BEATEN AND REQUESTED A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF
THE DEFENDANT TO SEE IF THE CHARGES WERE TRUE. YI'S LAWYER
SAID SUCH MATTERS SHOULD WAIT UNTIL EVIDENCE IS INTRODUCED
LATER. YI'S PORTION OF THE TESTIMONY CONCLUDED AT 12:45 AM.
7. THE DEFENSE QUESTIONING OF YE CHUN-GU COMMENCED IM-
MEDIATELY AFTERWARD. ALTHOUGH TODAY'S SESSION WAS BILLED
AS DEFENSE QUESTIONING, THE PROSECUTION TOOK UP ABOUT 82
PERCENT OF THE HOUR AND 45 MINUTES YE WAS QUESTIONED).
HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD APPROVED OF PARK CHUNG
HEE'S COUP, HE HAD BROKEN WITH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY
(DRP) OVER THE QUESTION OF A THIRD TERM FOR PARK, AND HAD
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HOPED THAT THE LATTER'S ASSASSINATION WOULD OPEN A NEW ERA
FOR KOREA. HOWEVER, YE DENIED ANY INTENTION OF INSTIGATING
A MOVEMENT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE. STUDENTS
HAD POSED NO THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE STUDENT DEMON-
STRATIONS IN 1965 OPPOSING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
WITH JAPAN WERE MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THOSE OF MAY. YE
WAS QUESTIONED AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT HIS RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
HE SAID THAT IT WAS EXACTLY WHAT THE NAME IMPLIED AND NOT
AN ANTI-STATE ORGANIZATION. IT CONTAINED NO "SHADOW
CABINET" READY TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT, AND ONLY
PREPARED FOR THE TIME WHEN DEMOCRACY WOULD BE RESTORED
TO KOREA. YE ADMITTED GIVING MONEY TO CODEFENDANT CHO
SEONG-U (A-E), BUT SAID IT HAD BEEN BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT
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CHO'S FAMILY WAS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

3. WHILE ADMITTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE YE DENIED THAT IT WAS PART OF A SUBVERSIVE NETWORK. IN RESPONSE THE CHIEF JUDGE, MGEN MUN UNG-SIK (M-R), MADE HIS LONGEST STATEMENT TO DATE. HE SAID THAT KIM DAE JUNG HAD BROKEN WITH THE NDP BECAUSE HE COULDN'T TAKE PARTY LEADERSHIP AWAY FROM KIM YOUNG SAM (M-R: KIM YONG-SAM). IT IS CLEAR THAT KIM DAE JUNG WAS DEVOTING HIS ATTENTION TO GATHERING NON-PARTY DISSIDENTS AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS TO SEIZE POWER. "HOW CAN YOU KEEP DENYING THAT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED?" YE AGAIN DENIED THAT HE INTENDED TO SEIZE POWER FOR ANY PARTICULAR PERSON. MONJO

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